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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

1. OCT 12 YUGOSLAV MEDIA COVERAGE OF MID-EAST WAR CONTINUES WITH EMPHASIS ON DESPATCHES FROM ARAB SOURCES, HOWEVER, SOME INCREASE NOTED IN NEWS REPORTS FROM TEL AVIV BY WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES.

2. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA OCT 12 CONTINUES TO DEVOTE NEARLY FIRST THREE ENTIRE PAGES TO WAR NEWS. SAMPLE FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE ITEMS: "TANK BATTLES ON SINAI" (MENA), "GIANT BATTLE OVER DAMASCUS" (FROM POLITIKA'S CORR AT SYRIAN FRONT), "TEL AVIV: ISRAELIS CROSSED SUEZ AND ATTACKED EGYPTIAN UNITS" (TEL AVIV, BRIEF REUTERS, AP REPORT), "WAR WILL BE LONG" (FROM POLITIKA'S KUWAIT CORR). SIMILAR HEADLINES OTHER YUGOSLAV DAILIES.

3. TODAY'S POLITIKA ALSO CARRIES BRIEF (BOTTOM PAGE 2) ITEM FROM TEL AVIV (AP), "NEW AMERICAN WEAPONS FOR ISRAEL?", ON REPORT THE 48 "PHANTOMS" AND OTHER WEAPONS SCHEDULED FOR ISRAEL. BOTH POLITIKA AND BORBA (OCT 12 ) CARRY AFP REPORT  
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OF US SIXTH FLEET UNITS IN ISRAELI WATERS.

4. TANJUG BULLETIN (OCT 12) INCLUDES REPORTS DATELINE BEIRUT AND ALGIERS, NOT CARRIED IN TODAY'S BELGRAD PRESS, WHICH REFER TO US SHIPMENT OF WEAPONS TO ISRAEL. TANJUG'S ALGIERS DESPATCH CITES ALGERIAN PRESS CHARGE OF " SW CRUSADE" DIRECTED AGAINST ARAB WORLD AND LOCAL REPORT THAT PENTAGON IS OPENLY SENDING AID, "WHILE SIXTH FLEET IS HURRYING TOWARDS EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN COAST, TO INTERVENE IF NECESSARY." FROM BEIRUT, TANJUG REPORTS THAT "JUSTIFIED SUSPICIONS EXIST" US VOLUNTEERS WILL JOIN FIGHTING, INCLUDING VIETNAM WAR "ACES." TANJUG ALSO CITES REPORTS OF ISRAELI REQUEST OFR U.S. "AIRLIFT" OF WAR MATERIALS, AND U.S. INTENTION TO DELIVER 48 "PHANTOMS" TO ISRAEL FROM ITS EUROPEAN BASES. TOON

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